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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Operations

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Chief, Special Activities StaffSUBJECT: Establishment of a Special Senior Interagency Group  
(SIG) on Low Intensity Conflict

1. Chief, Special Activities Staff (SAS) and DC/SAS attended the initial combined meeting of Senior Interagency Group (SIG) and Interagency Group (IG) representatives to discuss Low Intensity Conflict (LIC) issues on 31 October 1986. The principal item addressed was the establishment of a LIC Working Group, comprised of representatives from CIA, State, Defense and JCS, to formulate the first cut of an NSDD and strategy statement for consideration by members of the IG and SIG. The SIG hopes to present a fully coordinated NSDD for Presidential consideration by 12 January 1987.

2. The Agency's participation in the LIC Working Group will be comprised of two Directorate of Operations and one Directorate of Intelligence officers. They will work full-time over the next nine weeks with their counterparts from other agencies (under the chairmanship of the NSC Director for Political-Military Affairs) to grapple with LIC issues; agree on a definition of Low Intensity Conflict; and take a first cut at an NSDD and Presidential Strategy position. Working group deliberations will be supplemented by IG and SIG meetings, which DC/SAS and C/SAS will attend.

3. The Working Group was convened on 4 November to discuss its planning; it began full working sessions on 5 November at the Pentagon.

4. As the principal issues concerning a LIC strategy evolve, we will be meeting with you to ensure that our representations on the Agency's role in the LIC arena are in keeping with your policies.

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